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SUBJECT : MELO ANTUNES VISIT TO AZORES

1. DEC 10 PONTA DELGADA PRESS CARRIES REPORT OF MELO ANTUNES ARRIVAL IN PONTA DELGADA. ANTUNES ACCOMPANIED BY ARMY MAJORS VIEGA DA FONSECA AND METELO, IDENTIFIED AS MFA RPT MFA MEMBERS.

2. IN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS BY EMISSOR REGIONAL RADIO REPRESENTATIVE ANTUNES COMMENTED ON NEED FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STUDY OF UNIQUE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AZORES PRIOR TO ANY BLANKET APPLICATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO REGION.

3. ANTUNES VOLUNTEERED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS NOT WHY HAD COME TO AZORES RATHER, PURPOSE OF VISIT " TO DEAL WITH GREAT PROBLEMS OF GREAT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE, BUT WHICH ARE OF AN ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL NATURE, AND WHICH, THEREFORE, I CAN NOT REVEAL TO THE POPULATION".

4. MORNING DAILY "AZORES" , MEANWHILE, NOTES DEC. 6 " DIARIO DE LISBOA" ARTICLE ON ANTUNES VISIT WHICH SPECULATES MOTIVE FOR TRIP TO PAVE WAY FOR POSSIBLE SUMMIT OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO BE HELD IN AZORES LATER THIS MONTH.

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